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CLAIMS

The following listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of Claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A system for managing records, the system comprising: a database;

a remote computer including:

a memory, in which the record is stored;

a processor; and

a record management system in communication with the memory and the processor and configured to classify one or more of the records and, in response to an instruction from a user to file the one or more records, to instruct the processor to store and file one or more of the records with the database after the classification of the one or more of the records and upon storing and filing one or more of records with the database, and in response to the user instruction, automatically instruct the processor to delete the identical one or more of the records from the memory without regard as to whether there is available memory for storing at least one additional record or the amount of time the one or more records has been stored.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the record management system is further configured to, in response to a second instruction from the user, instruct the processor to classify one or more of the records while the one or more records are stored in the memory.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 2, wherein the record management system is further configured to instruct the processor to classify one or more of the records by determining whether one or more of the records has have previously been classified.

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Claim 4. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 2, wherein the record management system is further configured to instruct the processor to classify one or more of the records by reclassifying one or more of the records.

Claim 5. (Cancelled).

Claim 6. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 1, wherein the record management system further instructs the processor to select a plurality of records; and classify the selected records.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 1, wherein the record management system further instructs the processor to display a property of one or more of the records.

Claim 8. (Currently amended): A method for managing electronic records, the method comprising the steps of:

classifying one or more of the records at a remote computer, wherein the one or more of the records is stored in memory on the remote computer;

storing and filing one or more of the records stored on the remote computer with a separate central database in response to an instruction from a user to file the one or more records;

and

automatically deleting one or more of the records from the remote computer without regard as to whether there is available memory for storing at least one additional record or the amount of time the one or more records has been stored, upon storing and filing the identical one or more of the records the central database via a record management system stored on the remote computer.

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Claim 9. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 8 further including the step of classifying one or more of the records in response to a second instruction from the user while one or more of the records are stored on the remote computer.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the step of classifying one or more of the records includes determining whether one or more of the records have previously been classified.

Claim 11. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the step of classifying one or more of the records includes reclassifying one or more of the records.

Claim 12. (Cancelled).

Claim 13. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9 further including the steps of:

selecting a plurality of records and;

classifying the plurality of selected records while the records are stored on the remote computer.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 8 further including displaying a property of one or more of the records.

Claim 15. (currently amended): A system for managing electronic records, the system comprising:

means for classifying one or more of the records at a remote computer, wherein the record is stored in memory on the remote computer;

means for <u>storing and</u> filing one or more of the records stored on the a remote computer to a separate central database in response to an instruction by user to file the one or more records; and

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means for automatically deleting the identical one or more of the records from the remote computer without regard as to whether there is available memory for storing at least one additional record or the amount of time the one or more records has been stored, upon storing and filing the identical one or more of the records with the central database, wherein the means for filing and the means for automatically deleting are stored on the remote computer.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 15 further including a means for classifying one or more of the records in response to a second instruction from the user, while one or more of the records are stored on the remote computer.

Claim 17. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 16, wherein the means for classifying one or more of the records includes means for determining whether the record has previously been classified.

Claim 18. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 16, wherein the means for classifying one or more of the records includes a means for reclassifying one or more the records.

Claim 19. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 16, wherein the means for classifying one or more of the records includes a means for storing one or more of the records with an associated property on the remote computer.

Claim 20. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 15 further including: means for selecting a plurality of records and; means for classifying the plurality of selected records while the records are stored on the remote computer.

Claim 21. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 15 further including a means for displaying a property of one or more of the records.